- 1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Xiomaria Castro.
- 2 MS. CASTRO THROUGH THE TRANSLATOR, CANDELARIO
- 3 MACIAS: My name is Xiomaria Castro. I am married and have two
- 4 children. Samuel, 11 years old; and Eviana, 8. I lived in
- 5 California and I moved to Las Vegas for a better standard of
- 6 living. I work as a bus person for the ARC Restaurants, on of
- 7 the biggest subcontractors on the Las Vegas Strip, without a
- 8 union contract an very bad conditions. My salary is 5.50 an
- 9 hour. I have no type of benefits. I can't even pay the medical
- 10 insurance for my family or for myself from the company because
- 11 it would cost me \$45 a week. Now that my salary is not even
- 12 sufficient not even to pay my bills or my utilities, my
- 13 electricity has been cut. Samuel, my son, on one occasion he
- 14 had a serious cut in his foot. I had to keep him at home until
- 15 he got better and by himself. I had to ask for help from Yuland
- 16 (ph.) and churches and different organizations in the community
- 17 so that I didn't have to spend the night under a bridge with my
- 18 children.
- I believe that the gaming industry is good only if
- 20 you have a union contract. But the restaurants in ARC do not
- 21 exist those conditions of union. Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Thank you.

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